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Ottawa gymnast Sam Zakutney is hoping for a fourth consecutive national champion win at this year's Canadian Gymnastics Championships at Carleton University. For more on the national competition see page 4. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Teens arrested in alleged sign torching case

Election vandals. Candidate in Ottawa West-Nepean thinks other vandals probably still out there

Ottawa police have charged two teens for allegedly torching election signs in the Riverside Park South area.

Two young men allegedly lit several signs on fire along Southmore Drive and McCarthy Road in the early hours of May 22.

A witness called the police and fire department. Police say firefighters spotted the pair fleeing the scene as they arrived to douse the fire.

Thomas Wallis, 19, and Grayden Drew, 18, were arrested and charged with one count each of mischief to property, but were released on a promise to appear in court.

Police say they believe this was a random act and that neither man was intentionally targeting any one political party, although Ottawa police spokesman Marc Soucy told Metro that in this instance it was a Liberal campaign sign that was burned.

The arrest comes a day after Ottawa West-Nepean PC candidate Randall Denley complained vandals destroyed more than 140 of his election signs over the weekend.

Staff at the rival Liberal Bob Chiarelli campaign also complained that their signs had been targeted too. Beckie Codd-Downey told Metro volunteers with the campaign had spent the weekend repairing 50 signs.

Denley applauded the arrest but said he thinks someone else is damaging his signs.

Anyone with more information is invited to call police at 613-236-1222, ext 7300 to file a report. If this is a crime in progress, call 911.

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Demonstration

Why did the Hintonburg resident cross the road?

Dozens of residents in Hintonburg, Dalhousie and Mechanicsville are planning a demonstration to simulate what it will be like when 240 people try to cross Albert Street to catch a connecting bus in a 15-minute time frame during rush hour.

They think it will be mayhem.

"When you have got that many people trying to get across an intersection at rush hour, the light will be a minute at the most for people going east–west," resident Cheryl Parrot said.

"There is going to be, we believe, huge lineups."

Starting next summer, when the city begins its light-rail transit project, 2500 buses will be re-routed on to Scott/Albert Street.

The plan calls for the street to be expanded from four lanes to six, and residents worry that the Rideau Transit Group (RTG), the consortium building the LRT, hasn't really looked at how congested the area could become.

Parrot said if a new crossing-light configuration isn't figured out, hundreds of commuters could miss their connecting buses or put themselves in danger trying to rush across the busy street.

Residents will be crossing the street back and forth tomorrow at Albert and Preston starting at 7:30 a.m.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Ottawa man a victim of mass murder at California university

George Chen is seen in this undated Facebook photo. COURTESY FACEBOOK

A 19-year-old man from Ottawa has been identified as one of the victims of Friday's mass murder at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

George Chen, who was studying computer science, was a graduate from Leland High School in San Jose, Calif., and one of six people killed.

Family friend Sherry Shih told the San Francisco Chronicle that Chen was a gentle soul who had a fondness for working with children.

Shih said Chen was a "very good kid, very smart," and that his parents are in a "very, very sad mood" and unable to speak about what happened.

Chen's parents visited a makeshift memorial on Monday night and added their names in chalk to the sidewalk.

They told KABC-TV that the United States needs tougher gun laws to avert another mass killing. "We would die a hundred times, a thousand times, but we don't want our kids to get hurt," Chen's mother, Kelly Wang, said through tears.

The man identified as the killer, Elliot Rodger, died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after a shootout with police.

Before the rampage, Rodger left a trail of YouTube videos ranting against women and complaining that he was a lonely and frustrated virgin.

The university planned a memorial Tuesday afternoon at Harder Stadium on the campus for the victims.

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Gee-Gees hockey team hands out schedules

Sex-assault allegations.
Program's future unclear, but players can plan now

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The University of Ottawa Gee-Gees hockey team has begun handing out practice schedules for next year — just in case the program is reinstated and students want to book classes around team training sessions.

The entire varsity hockey team has been suspended since early March amid allegations of a gang sexual assault that allegedly involved several players during the team's trip to Thunder Bay on Feb. 1.

With most university classes over for the summer, students are already looking ahead to next year, and that includes hockey players wondering whether they'll be gracing the ice.

"Students are looking at their schedule for next semester, so there was a practice schedule being sent out, in case the program is reinstated," university spokesperson Patrick Charette said.

"There is no decision, but if you want to build your schedule around it, here it is. But again, there has been no decision made on whether the program will be reinstated or not."

Charette added that the school is waiting for its internal review to be completed before making any decision on the team's future. He said the internal review is expected "any moment now," and once it's done it will be made "somewhat public."

A hockey player walks with a bag of equipment past the front of the Minto Sports Complex, home of the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees men's hockey team. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Thunder Bay police told Metro on Tuesday that the file related to the sexual-assault allegation is still under review and thno charges are expected for some time.

Spokesperson Chris Adams said police should be "closer to a conclusion" in a week or two.

Eighteen-year-old Andry Friesen of B.C. flips off the bar during a training session for the Canadian Gymnastics Championships at Carleton University on Tuesday. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Local gymnasts set the bar high at nationals

Competition. Sam Zakutney vying for fourth consecutive all-around national championship

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Four Ottawa-area gymnasts are hoping to flip, jump and tumble their way to national championship titles this week.

Sam Zakutney, Ben Tyo, Sophie Shaver and Samuel Gaudet-Pellerin will be among the country's elite young athletes competing for national acclaim at the 2014 Canadian Gymnastics Championships at Carleton University.

Zakutney, of Ottawa, will be vying for his fourth consecutive all-around national championship.

"I'm not jumping to conclusions too quickly just because I know anything can happen," said the 15-year-old, before taking to the bar for a training session during the first day of the competition on Tuesday.

"You can do your routines for months and go really consistently, but then just the slightest bit of tension can really ruin everything. So treat everything like training and everything will go fine."

In 2011, he won the national title in the 10- to 12-year-old age group. The following year, he moved up an age group, but still took home the top title and held onto it in 2013. This time around, he has been bumped up again to the junior age group.

He'll be competing against top-ranking gymnasts like Vancouver's Aaron Mah and Ryan Oehrlein of Mississauga.

Zakutney trains around six days a week for an average of 22 hours, but says he still stays on top of his schoolwork at Franco-Cité. He's hoping to make the 2016 Rio Olympics, but if that's too ambitious, then he'll aim for the Tokyo Games four years later.

He said he's most looking forward to seeing his family in the crowd at this year's event, since they don't often see him compete nationally.

Schedule

Young elite gymnasts from across the country will be competing in the 2014 Canadian Gymnastics Championships, which take place at Carleton University until May 31.

Wednesday's schedule:

- Novice teams at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Synchronized gymnastics at 7 p.m.

Twelve-year-old Shaver, of Wakefield, also has her sights set on the Olympics. She was out for most of this season with a knee injury, but still managed to score the Quebec novice championship — while only performing at 80 per cent of last year's skills.

"She's still not 100 per cent, but she has a couple new tricks," said mom Tara. Her daughter tends to favour the vault and has a new half-twist jump in store for her competition on Wednesday.

Ottawa's own Tyo is the Junior Pan American Championship trampoline finalist and Gatineau's Gaudet-Pellerin will be defending his title as the junior men's parallel bars champion.

Quoted

"I'm not jumping to conclusions too quickly just because I know anything can happen."

Gymnast Sam Zakutney, on competing for his fourth consecutive championship title

Open Air Social Club is back

It's a dance party like no other and it's happening again this summer across the street from Parliament Hill.

The Open Air Social Club is marking its fourth edition this year with a launch party on Thursday at Parliament Pub, facing Wellington Street.

Local DJ Matt Tamblyn helped fellow DJ Sir Ett start a dance party every Thursday, all summer long, in 2011.

"It's definitely not something every nine-to-fiver can do," said Tamblyn on Tuesday. "It is a young crowd. I even had people say, 'Oh, I'm going to take a Friday off.'"

The party goes from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. for those who need a head-start on the weekend or want to unwind with some friends after the coffee shops shutter their doors. Beginning this week, it will be held every Thursday night until Aug. 28, weather permitting.

Describing the party's vibe, Tambay said people can expect to hear underground dance music from local and guest DJs with the Peace Tower visible through a canopy of trees overhead.

Noise complaints are not a concern for this party.

"There is no residential zoning nearby. This is great. There's no one to bother," said Tamblyn.

But, it's more than just a party under the stars. For local DJs, it's a chance to showcase their talent out in the open.

Montreal's Compton Chic, left, and Ottawa DJ Matt Tamblyn. CONTRIBUTED/KRISTEN BROMILEY

Cover is $5. For more information, visit the club's Facebook page. JOE LOFARO/METRO

60 charges

Crown hands over evidence in 'swatting' case

A lawyer representing an Ottawa teen accused of making several false threats to schools in Canada and the U.S. appeared in court Tuesday to receive evidence from a Crown attorney.

The 16-year-old was arrested in the city's west end on May 8 and is facing 60 charges, including public mischief, mischief to property, uttering death threats, and conveying false information with intent to alarm. He was released on bail following his arrest.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Tuition hike. University of Ottawa board votes to raise fees by 3 per cent

Students at the University of Ottawa will be paying more in tuition starting this September.

The school's board of governors voted to hike fees for undergrad students by three per cent on Monday night.

A press release issued by the university states that the school is "facing major, complex financial challenges."

While expenses are increasing four to five per cent a year, annual revenue is only increasing by 1.5 per cent, the release says. "This shortfall continues to grow, leading to a structural deficit in the order of $41 million this year."

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The University of Ottawa has a structural deficit of $41 million this year.

This is the ninth consecutive tuition fee hike at the university. In previous years, students had protested the meetings — including serving plates of Kraft Dinner to board members — which shut down meetings, but only delayed the votes.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Mohammad Iqbal, 45, sits in an ambulance next to the body of his pregnant wife, Farzana Parveen, 25, who was stoned to death by her own family in Lahore, Pakistan, on Tuesday. K.M. CHAUDARY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pregnant woman stoned to death

'Honour killing.' 20 members of woman's family attack couple outside court in Lahore

A pregnant woman was stoned to death by her own family in front of a Pakistani high court on Tuesday for marrying the man she loved.

Nearly 20 members of the woman's family, including her father and brothers, attacked her and her husband with batons and bricks in broad daylight before a crowd of onlookers outside the high court of Lahore, police investigator Rana Mujahid said.

Hundreds of women are murdered every year in Muslim-majority Pakistan in so-called "honour killings" carried out by husbands or relatives as a punishment for alleged adultery or other illicit sexual behaviour, but public stoning is extremely rare.

Mujahid said the woman's father has been arrested for murder and that police were working to apprehend all those who participated in the "heinous crime."

Another officer identified the slain woman as Farzana Parveen, 25, and said she had married Mohammad Iqbal against her family's wishes.

Her father, Mohammad Azeem, had filed an abduction case against Iqbal, which the couple was contesting, her lawyer Mustafa Kharal said. He confirmed that she was three months' pregnant.

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Quoted

"We were in love."

Mohammad Iqbal, husband of Farzana Parveen

Bosnia

Flood reveals human remains

Last week's record flooding in Bosnia has uncovered human remains experts believe belong to people who went missing during the country's 1992-95 war.

Lejla Cengic of Bosnia's Institute for Missing Persons said Tuesday that teams fixing power lines discovered the remains near the northern town of Doboj. Nearly 30,000 people went missing during the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s. One third of them have been found in mass graves, mostly in Bosnia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama's plan. 9,800 troops to remain after war ends in Afghanistan

President Barack Obama will seek to keep 9,800 U.S. troops in Afghanistan after the war formally ends later this year and then will withdraw most of those forces by 2016, senior administration officials said Tuesday.

Obama's decision is largely in line with what military commanders have been seeking and will allow the president to fully end the American-led military effort by the time he leaves office.

The two-year plan is contingent on the Afghan government signing a bilateral security agreement with the U.S. While current Afghan President Hamid Karzai has declined to sign the agreement, U.S. officials are confident that either of the candidates seeking to replace him would approve it.

The plan calls for the U.S. military to draw down from its current force of 32,000 to 9,800 by the start of next year. Those troops would be dispatched throughout Afghanistan and focus on counterterrorism missions and training Afghan security forces.

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Trois-Rivières, Que.
Parents grateful after spread of Amber Alert on social media leads online sleuths to help locate missing baby

Melissa McMahon and Simon Boisclair hold their daughter Victoria in this photo posted on Boisclair’s Facebook page. FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The mother of a day-old infant snatched from a Quebec hospital says she’s grateful to everyone who helped bring home her baby — especially the group of people who used social media to hunt down the alleged kidnapper.

Police issued an Amber Alert on Monday night after the newborn was abducted from the mother’s hospital room in Trois-Rivières by a woman allegedly wearing scrubs and posing as a nurse.

The alert, which included a photo of the suspect, was splashed across mainstream and social media within minutes.

Four young locals wasted little time picking up the cause and guided police to the woman’s home, where officers found the baby safe three hours later. Police also arrested a woman in her early 20s in connection with the kidnapping.

“Every click, every share made the difference,” Melissa McMahon, the infant’s mother, wrote Tuesday in a post on her Facebook page.

“Four marvellous people, whom we had the chance to meet, identified this woman thanks to Facebook … We felt a huge amount of support from the public. This victory is for you, too!!!”

The online detectives who helped find baby Victoria were identified as Charlene Plante, Marc-Andre Cote, Sharelle Bergeron and Melizanne Bergeron.

Melizanne Bergeron told reporters Tuesday in Trois-Rivières that she came across the information about the kidnapping on Facebook and showed the photo of the suspect to her friend Plante, who realized the woman was her neighbour.

She said they spotted the vehicle described in the alert parked outside the building, saw signs that someone was inside and called police. Officers, she added, arrived on the scene quickly and broke down the woman’s door.

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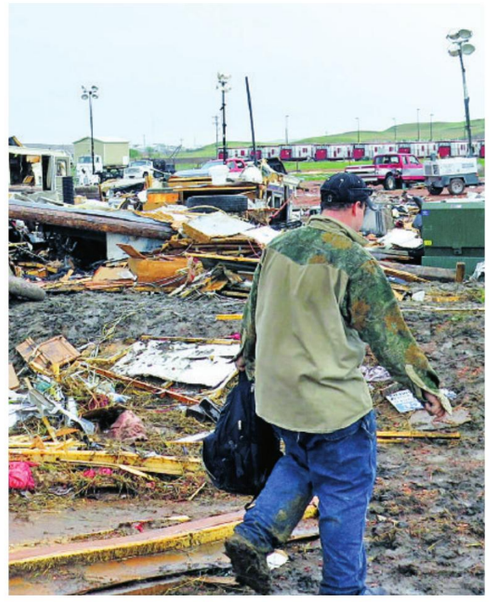

Twister tears through N.D. oilfield workers’ camp

A man walks past trailers on Tuesday in Watford City, N.D., that were destroyed by a tornado. Authorities say several people were injured and over a dozen trailers were damaged or destroyed Monday evening when the twister tore through a camp where oilfield workers stay.

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Young achievers humble president at science fair

U.S. President Barack Obama checks out projects by young inventors displayed at the 2014 White House Science Fair in Washington Tuesday. Peyton Robertson, a 12-year-old from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., wowed Obama with two inventions — "sandless" flood retention sandbags and retractable bicycle wheels. Obama, a Harvard-trained lawyer, confessed to feeling like "such an underachiever" as he celebrated student winners of a broad range of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions from across the country. They included Eric Chen, a high school senior who identified new drug candidates for the treatment of influenza, the creator of a catapult-armed mannequin who shot three-point baskets, an 18-year-old cancer researcher and the second-grade Girl Scouts who designed a Lego "flood-proof" bridge. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-cop opens pot café in Winnipeg

'Peaceful place.'
Vapes on Main offers space for medicinal users to medicate

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Metro in Winnipeg

A former Winnipeg police officer who's advocated for the legalization of drugs since hanging up the badge has opened that city's first marijuana café.

Bill Vandergraaf told Metro he wants to give those who, like him, are prescribed marijuana for medical reasons, a "peaceful place" to meet, smoke and exchange ideas.

"It has great medicinal value for all kinds of ailments, and it's time to stop criminalizing people," explained the 29-year veteran of the Winnipeg Police Service, who opened the café, Vapes on Main, two weeks ago. "It's time to make our streets safer by ending prohibition of marijuana."

Vandergraaf retired from policing in 2001. He said he's been using medical marijuana since 2007 to combat the depression, anxiety and alcoholism he picked up on the job.

Vapes on Main does not allow other drugs or alcohol on site, nor does it sell marijuana or paraphernalia.

Only those over 18 with a prescription are allowed to smoke inside, but the doors are also open for anyone looking for information about medical marijuana or those who want to debate the war on drugs with a man who's been on both sides.

Bill Vandergraaf

"We would like to educate people as well," said Vandergraaf, who is not worried about getting shut down by his former employer.

"Police are welcome to come in too."

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Top commander disturbed by sex assault claims

Commons defence committee. Military brass grilled after magazine story says harassment at epidemic levels

The country's top military commander has been called on the parliamentary carpet to answer questions about reports of sexual violence in the military.

Gen. Tom Lawson, the chief of defence staff, was grilled Tuesday by the Commons defence committee about a recent magazine report that claimed sex assaults within the ranks are at an epidemic level.

The story, published by Maclean's and L'actualité magazines, interviewed several victims and examined a decade's worth of statistics documenting reported attacks.

Lawson told the committee he found the allegations disturbing, and acknowledged the courage of those victims who spoke out.

An internal review carried out since the claims were first reported last month has identified "some barriers" that prevent alleged victims from coming forward, he testified.

Lawson said an independent review from outside the military is being organized, one that will have the authority to interview military members and could potentially uncover fresh allegations of assault.

But he said he does not accept the notion that sexual violence and harassment are part of military culture, citing a recent internal survey that suggested harassment of all kinds has been declining steadily over the last decade.

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The exposé

The magazine story said military police get as many as 200 complaints of sexual assault each year, with many more cases going unreported by victims who fear the potential consequences from within the military hierarchy.

People carry sandbags to set up a shooting position as a pro-Russia gunman watches on the road leading from the airport to Donetsk, Ukraine, Tuesday. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Donetsk mayor says at least 40 killed in fighting

The eastern city of Donetsk was in turmoil Tuesday a day after government forces used fighter jets to stop pro-Russia separatists from taking over the airport. Dozens were reported killed and the mayor went on television to urge residents to stay indoors.

The city of one million was engulfed by fighting Monday when rebels moved to seize the airport, Ukraine's second-largest. They were repelled by government forces using combat jets and helicopter gunships. Associated Press journalists witnessed intensive gunfire throughout the day and into the night. Plumes of black smoke rose into the air and officials shut down Donetsk airport and nearby streets to traffic amid the fighting.

Donetsk mayor Oleksandr Lukyanchenko said 40 people, including two civilians, were killed in Monday's fighting. Rebel leaders, meanwhile, said the deaths could reach up to 100.

The battles came as billionaire candy magnate Petro Poroshenko claimed victory in Sunday's presidential vote, which authorities in Kyiv had hoped would unify the deeply divided nation. Poroshenko, who has yet to be sworn in, has vowed to negotiate a peaceful end to the insurgency in the east, but also has called the separatists "Somali pirates" and promised he would stop them from sowing more chaos.

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A rite of spring to bring business prosperity

Shinto priests in ritual clothing perform a ceremonial rite for an annual festival at the Hanazono Shinto Shrine in Tokyo on Saturday. The shrine is famous for business fortune and good health.

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Dream of owning a home? Keep dreaming

RBC study. Home ownership is seeming more like fantasy as reality of high prices and interest rates hits home

Home! Sweet (pricey) home!

Nationally, the index rose by 0.1 points to 43.2 per cent for detached bungalows and 0.3 points to 49.0 per cent for two-storey homes, while the measure for condos dipped 0.1 points to 27.9 per cent.

- The affordability index actually fell 0.5 points to 36.4 per cent in Ottawa. While, in Ontario as a whole, the affordability measure of 44.9 per cent for bungalows and 51.0 for two-storey homes represented a 24-year high.

It's becoming increasingly difficult for families to own a home in Canada and affordability is only expected to get worse going forward, according to the Royal Bank of Canada.

With house prices continuing to rise, RBC said its affordability index deteriorated in the first quarter of this year — the third quarter that has happened out of the last four — with the deterioration particularly acute in the hot markets of Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

And RBC chief economist Craig Wright says keeping up with the cost of home ownership in the future is likely going to be an even bigger stretch for households.

"If prices continue to accelerate in key Canadian markets in the near term, affordability could come under pressure," the report points out.

"The eventual normalization of monetary policy will lead to substantial increases in interest rates over the medium term, which could be too much for other affordability determinants to counteract," it adds.

The affordability index measures the percentage of pre-tax household income that is needed to service the cost of owning a home at current market prices, including payments for a mortgage, utilities and property taxes. A reading of 50 per cent means service costs swallow up half of a household's pre-tax income. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beefing up Keystone safety rules

Large sections of pipe are shown in Sumner, Texas. After learning of defects (now fixed) safety regulators have added two new conditions on construction of TransCanada Corp.'s Keystone XL oil pipeline. TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Safety regulators have quietly placed two extra conditions on construction of TransCanada Corp.'s Keystone XL oil pipeline after learning of potentially dangerous construction defects involving the southern leg of the Canada-to-Texas project.

The defects — high rates of bad welds, dented pipe and damaged pipeline coating — have been fixed. But the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration wants to make sure similar problems don't occur during construction of the pipeline's controversial northern segment, which is on hold pending a decision by the Obama administration.

One condition requires TransCanada to hire a third-party contractor chosen by the pipeline safety agency to monitor the construction and make reports to the U.S. government on whether the work is sound.

The second requires TransCanada to adopt a quality management program to ensure "this pipeline is — from the beginning — built to the highest standards by both Keystone personnel and its many contractors."

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Big Bucks? New, from the latte people: Burgers!

Starbucks is dipping its toe into the burger business, with plans to open an outpost of its La Boulange chain that caters to the dinner crowd.

A spokeswoman for Starbucks, Linda Mills, said the Los Angeles restaurant is scheduled to open June 11 and will be open until 10 p.m.

It will also serve beer, wine, cocktails and milkshakes.

Starbucks Corp. had purchased the La Boulange chain of bakery-cafés in 2012.

The cafes are based in the San Francisco Bay Area and primarily focus on breakfast and lunch with soups, salads and sandwiches, along with baked goods.

Those cafes typically close before 7 p.m.

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Big banks agree to expand low and no-cost services

The country's eight largest banks have agreed to expand low-cost and no-cost banking services for Canadians, Finance Minister Joe Oliver announced Tuesday.

The move follows broad measures introduced in the February budget on cheap access to banking services.

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Study

Fighting blight in Detroit would cost $850 million

Removing blighted residential properties, lots and vacant commercial structures that have plagued Detroit neighbourhoods for decades would cost $850 million US, a task force said Tuesday.

The study is part of efforts announced last year by the administration of President Barack Obama to help Detroit.

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Executive pay

Here are the three highest-paid CEOs of 2013, as calculated by The Associated Press and Equilar, an executive pay research firm:

1 **Anthony Petrello**, Nabors Industries, $68.2 million US, up 246 per cent

2 **Leslie Moonves**, CBS, $65.6 million, up 9 per cent

3 **Richard Adkerson**, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, $55.3 million, up 294 per cent

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Never mind butcher, baker or candlestick maker.

The people who float your workplace boat these days are takers, matchers and givers, according to a rising star in workaday psychology, Adam Grant, the youngest full professor at the Wharton School.

This guy is only 32, but he's already figured out how to navigate the concrete jungle and has written a New York Times bestseller about it, called, naturally, Give and Take. He's also the subject of a recent article in Slate.

Even though Grant has the fast-track record we usually associate with a taker — those Gordon-Gecko-greed-is-good types so familiar in the mythology of corporate America — he tries to be a giver, not just because his research shows that nice guys (and girls) can finish first.

Givers are defined by the fact that they will take care of other people with no expectation of reward. They do it precisely because they are selfless. So you can't game the give.

Most of us are matchers in the middle — I'll scratch your back with the understanding that you, at some point very soon, will scratch mine. Other people respect the matcher ethos, but no one actually loves a matcher, unless it's the matcher's mother, who is, by nature, a giver.

All the love is reserved for givers. Givers sow the seeds of harmony wherever they go. People want to work with them because they trust them ... and know they'll share the glory and take the blame.

Do you know anybody like that? If you do, you probably follow them around with big puppy eyes.

Takers are toxic. Grant says it's a good idea to keep a wooden stake, silver bullet and string of garlic handy to ward them off. Well, he doesn't put it in precisely those terms, but he does say that the negative impact of a taker can be three times that of the positive impact of a giver.

They suck the lifeblood out of an organization.

There is an easy way to spot a taker and it's not only because he or she doesn't drink ... wine. "The main sign that someone's a taker is kissing up and kicking down," he writes.

Just because you're a giver doesn't mean you put a Kick Me sign on your back before you go to work in the morning. Winning givers don't allow themselves to be kicked or stepped on; they don't overdo the giving to the detriment of their own work, and they give on a smartly scheduled basis as opposed to on impulse or whim.

Whatever you think (stop rolling your eyes), I think it's good to have permission to be a nice person. It's ironic to discover that while we've spent our lives learning to eat other dogs, happiness is a warm puppy.

And if you're a little bit good at being good, the rewards will come in your lifetime. Good dog!

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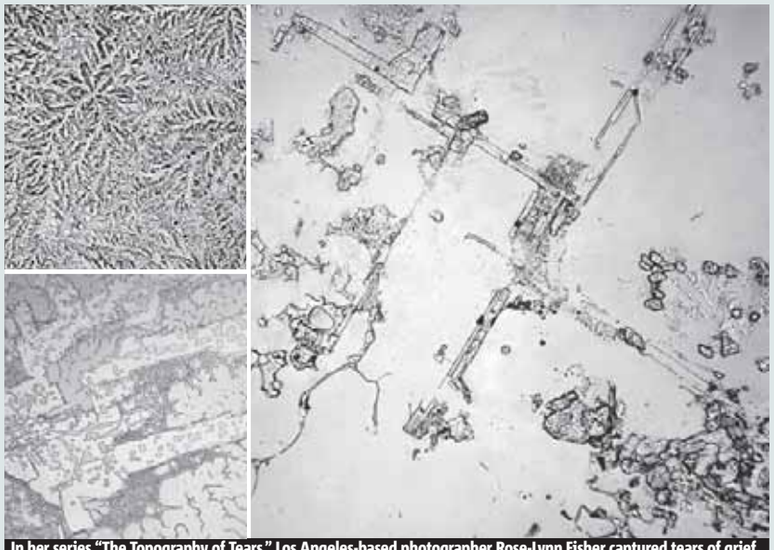
Art that's worth crying over



In her series "The Topography of Tears," Los Angeles-based photographer Rose-Lynn Fisher captured tears of grief, pictured right, tears of remembrance, bottom left, and tears from an onion, top left. COURTESY ROSE-LYNN FISHER

Q&A

'Aerial view of my emotions'

ROSE-LYNN FISHER
Artist-photographer based in Los Angeles

What inspired you to turn human tears into art?

One day I was crying but stopped and wondered if my tears of grief would look any different from tears of happiness. When I magnified them on a microscope, what I saw evoked a sense of place, like an aerial view of my emotional terrain. I was so intrigued by this that I started a project, which now comprises 100 of my own and others' tears.

How did you go about photographing the tears?

I collect a tear, put it onto a glass slide and view it through a standard microscope, magnified 10 to 40 times. After the tear sample has been either air-dried or covered, I photograph it using a digital microscopy camera.

They do look like strange landscapes.

Exactly. I marvel at the visual similarities between the microscopic world and the macro world of landscapes. Patterns of erosion etched into the earth over millions of years can look like the branched crystalline patterns of an evaporated tear that formed in less than a minute.

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Worth mentioning. USDA projects to help protect soil, water quality

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is teaming with businesses, non-profits and others on a five-year, $2.4-billion program that will fund locally designed soil and water conservation projects nationwide, Secretary Tom Vilsack said Tuesday.

Authorized by the new farm law enacted earlier this year, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program is intended to involve the private sector more directly in planning and funding environmental protection initiatives tied to agriculture.

He described the projects to be funded as "clean water startup operations" that will benefit communities and watersheds, a departure from the department's more traditional approach of focusing on individual operators adopting practices such as no-till cultivation or planting buffer strips to prevent runoff into streams.

Quoted

"It's a new approach to conservation that is really going to encourage people to think in very innovative and creative ways."

Secretary Tom Vilsack

Universities, local and tribal governments, companies and sporting groups are among those eligible to devise plans and seek grants.

"By establishing new public-private partnerships, we can have an impact that's well beyond what the federal government could accomplish on its own," Vilsack said. "These efforts keep our land resilient and water clean, and promote tremendous economic growth in agriculture, construction, tourism and outdoor recreation and other industries."

In addition to protecting the environment, the projects will bolster the rural economy by supporting tourism and outdoor recreation jobs while avoiding pollution that would cost more to clean up, he said.

The USDA will spend $1.2 billion — including $400 million the first year — and raise an equal amount from participants. Successful applications will include offers of cash, labour or other contributions, as well as plans for achieving measurable solutions and using new approaches, said Jason Weller, chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Disney has its wicked ways

Bold child's play

Angelina Jolie all in as villain

Angelina Jolie taking on the title role in Maleficent, telling the story of Sleeping Beauty from the villain's perspective, might have seemed like a no-brainer, but Jolie herself had her doubts. "I was a bit nervous to take her on. I don't have a big theatre voice. I don't do things that are kind of comedic. This is such a crazy idea. I'm a fairy? 'How was your day, honey?' 'I was a fairy,'" Jolie remembers telling husband Brad Pitt. "I was so challenged by it. For me as an actress to do something where I'm not taking myself so seriously or doing it for myself or doing it for art — just to remember what it is to play and entertain and try something bold."

But once she had the horns and the headdress and the augmented cheekbones and nose in place, she just went with it. "There's no halfway. If you're going to do it, you can't just kind of do it. You have to go fully into it and enjoy it," she says. "The original was done so well and her voice was so great. The way she was animated was so perfect. If anything, I was worried I'd fail the original. I practised a lot with my children. When I got them laughing, I figured I was on to something — well, they laughed, they cried." **NED EHRBAR/ MWN IN HOLLYWOOD**

It's not all Mouse ears. Disney horns in on the dark side of fairy tales from the winged demon of Fantasia to Maleficent

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Hear the name Disney, and your first thoughts are likely about Mickey Mouse ears, Mary Poppins or the song Let it Go. Uplifting notions born from a company that brags it owns the Happiest Place on Earth.

But for all the cheery feelings the Mouse House has given us over the years, Disney villains have also inspired a nightmare or two.

This weekend, Maleficent creeps into theatres. Starring Angelina Jolie, it is the story of how the Sleeping Beauty villainess became evil after being betrayed by a child. With plumped up cheekbones and headgear with demonic horns, Jolie looks like something from a hellish Hieronymus Bosch painting.

"She isn't the pretty princess," says the actress. "She isn't a beautiful queen. She's a very awkward, pointy, slightly scary-looking horned creature who goes through a lot in her life."

Maleficent joins a long list of dastardly Disney villains to inspire sleepless nights.

Scar

In The Lion King, Scar (voice of Jeremy Irons) is the brother of the king, Mufasa (James Earl Jones). In a Shakespearean twist, Scar murders his brother and banishes his nephew to gain control of Pride Rock.

Most evil line? "Long live the King." — Scar to Mufasa before killing him.

Cruella De Vil

In the 1961 animated film and the 1996 live-action film, 101 Dalmatians, Cruella De Vil (voice of Betty Lou Gerson in the cartoon, Glenn Close in the flesh) is a diabolical fashionista who wants to incorporate puppy pelts into her wardrobe.

Most evil line? "Darling, I live for fur. I worship fur!"

Queen Grimhilde

Vanity pushes Queen Grimhilde (Lucille La Verne in the 1937 animated version) to try and destroy the life of her stepdaughter (Adriana Caselotti) in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The evil queen can't bear the thought that there is someone more beautiful than she, so she first orders her huntsman to kill Snow White and cut her heart out and when that doesn't work, she feeds the pretty girl a poisoned apple.

Most evil line? "Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?"

Chernabog

Hands down, the scariest vision in any Disney film has to be Chernabog, the winged demon who briefly appears in the Night on Bald Mountain sequence of Fantasia. He is the essence of evil and according to Villians Wiki, his hobby is bringing the dead back to life so he can kill them again. Discussing the character in an interview, Walt Disney referred to him as Satan.

Most evil line? Chernabog doesn't have any lines. When you're this bad, you don't need dialogue.

Angelina Jolie with her daughter Viviennein a scene from Maleficent. FRANK CONNOR/DISNEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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See that symbol? It means you can scan this image with your Metro News app to see Darcy Oake's disappearing act.

Come on, how'd you do that?

Winnipeg magician Darcy Oake may have vanished on a British talent show Monday night, but his act has secured him an appearance in the final round. Oake began his performance on Britain's Got Talent sitting on a chair perched on a podium and draped in a sheet. Moments later the sheet was removed and Oake was gone — but he reappeared dressed as a cameraman filming the illusion. The 26-year-old goes on to compete in the final round, which is to air on June 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brown University. Emma Watson escorted by armed undercover guard at grad

Emma Watson had an armed guard with her during graduation ceremonies at Brown University, and a university spokesman says he is unable to answer questions about why.

The 24-year-old British actress best known for her role as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter movies was one of more than 2,000 students to get her degree from the Ivy League university in Providence on Sunday.

She was photographed sitting and walking next to a woman who was wearing a cap and gown. The same woman, who was older than Watson and her fellow graduates, was later seen escorting Watson without a cap and gown and with a holstered weapon, a badge and other equipment.

When asked if the woman was a campus police officer and why the guard was necessary, Brown spokesman Mark Nickel said on Tuesday he was "not able to help."

Watson began her studies at Brown in 2009, the same year she was named the highest-grossing actress of the decade by the Guinness Book of World Records. She earned a degree in English literature.

An email to Watson's representative wasn't immediately returned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Actress Emma Watson, right, during commencement services at Brown University on Sunday. The woman to her left was later seen wearing a badge and with a handgun visible at her side . THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fantastic Beasts

Alfonso Cuarón not in talks for Potter spinoff

Putting an end to rumours that he might helm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, the director behind Gravity announced he does not plan to return to the set in the near future.

"My near-term plans over the coming months are to take my kids to school and plan what I'm going to do this summer with them," Alfonso Cuarón explained to the international newswire EFE.

A decade ago, Cuarón helmed Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, the third movie in the franchise. It remains to be seen who will be in the director's chair for the first spinoff of the Harry Potter series. AFP

Alfonso Cuarón. AFP

Reality TV

TV producers seek teens who party like rock stars

A television producer is seeking teenagers as young as 13 who like to make their own rules to participate in a new reality television series, My Teen Life.

A Los Angeles-based casting company, Metal Flowers Media, placed a notice about the series in Backstage, a publication widely followed by entertainment professionals for job leads.

The company said producers of The Real Housewives of New York City are looking for boys and girls ages 13 to 18 to cast.

"Parents, teachers and the haters are always in your business, but it's your life and you live it how you want to," the Backstage ad said. "If you're a modern-day teenage rebel with a hardcore lifestyle, we want to hear your story." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Macaulay Culkin ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Macaulay's 'pizza band' too cheesy for British audience

It was a Blues Brothers moment for actor Macaulay Culkin and his band Pizza Underground on Sunday at the Dot to Dot Festival in Nottingham, England, when fans turned on the comedy cover group by booing them and even throwing beer onstage.

Unfortunately, Mac couldn't turn it around with a pizza-themed version of Rawhide to get the crowd going; the Home Alone star and the rest of Pizza Underground allegedly walked off stage smelling like booze after only three songs — but not before they performed a cover of Lou Reed's Perfect Day, calling it Pizza Day.

Culkin's band covers Velvet Underground and Lou Reed songs but changes the lyrics around to be about pizza.

Twitter

@justinbieber
Can't sleep too much turbulence. :(

@rickygervais
I am going to sleep now before @William-Shatner or @joshgroban say something else weird.

@MarkDuplass
I'm about to sit down with wine, pizza, The Bachelorette, and my best friends. I think I'm peaking too early.

The Word

Manhattan's got a friend in David Schwimmer

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York City

David Schwimmer is one of the Friends I'd vaguely lost track of since the series came to an end. Is he the one playing an aging sitcom star on cable? No, that's Lisa Kudrow. Is he the one who's totally over Brad Pitt? That's Jennifer Aniston. Oh, now I remember. David Schwimmer is the one who battles crime.

Well, he fought for justice this week at least. Police were investigating an altercation between a suspected male prostitute, his john, and a third man that broke out at 5:40 a.m. on East Sixth Street in Manhattan's East Village, where the sitcom star owns a brownstone.

The 26-year-old john was taken to Bellevue Hospital with stab wounds on his face, while the 21-year-old alleged prostitute was treated for slashes on his arm. Police had only one man's word against the other's until they realized that security cameras outside Schwimmer's home had caught footage of the altercation, according to the New York Post. Schwimmer gave the NYPD the tape, which might be used in court.

Schwimmer bought his brownstone for $4 million US in 2012, and he's been heavily renovating it ever since, to the consternation of his neighbours. However, this incident might convince the other Sixth Street residents that good Friends make good neighbours after all.

Harry Styles

Kendall just can't get over Harry Styles

Well, this is awkward. While Harry Styles and Kendall Jenner's brief romance has been over for months, Jenner reportedly "just can't get him out of her head" and hasn't stopped calling the One Direction star "despite their romance fizzing out months ago," according to Star magazine.

"Now Kendall desperately wants him back. She loved the attention dating Harry gave her, plus she really fell for him big time," a source says. "Kendall really opened up to him and he did nothing but use her. That hasn't stopped her from dreaming of a rematch, and after a night out with the girls she'll come home and start calling him. Harry rarely takes her calls because he knows when he's pushed his luck when it comes to a woman's heart and Kendall's got it bad for him. He doesn't want to encourage her, but it's turning into an embarrassing situation — for both of them."

Rachel Bilson shows off her baby bump

Rachel Bilson isn't hiding the fact that she and longtime boyfriend Hayden Christensen are expecting. The couple headed to Barbados for a quick vacation, with Bilson showing off her growing baby bump in a black bikini, according to Us Weekly. "They've talked about this for a while and are so excited," a source tells the magazine. "Everyone is beyond thrilled for them."

Rachel Bilson

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LIFE 3

See that symbol? It means you can scan the photo below with your Metro News app for more images from Yellowstone National Park (Flickr: yellowstonenps)

Where the buffalo roam

Yellowstone. This massive, famed park stretches across three states — you need a plan to see it all

You can't miss the bison herds in Yellowstone. ISTOCK

Old Faithful likely comes to mind when you think of Yellowstone National Park. And it's certainly worth seeing, along with other geysers. But the geysers are just the start of what Yellowstone offers: hiking, biking, camping, fishing, wildlife-spotting and more. Yellowstone National Park covers 8,992 square kilometres over three states — Wyoming, Idaho and Montana.

With stops along the way, it can take two full days to drive the 230-kilometre Grand Loop. Here are some Yellowstone basics, starting with the geysers.

Geysers

Most of the park's easily accessible and most famous geysers are concentrated along a 50-kilometre drive in the middle of the park, from West Thumb, Wyo. to Madison Junction, Wyo. and can be seen in a half-day.

Park visitor centres can provide predicted eruption times for about a half-dozen geysers. Some predictions are in windows of several hours, so you'll likely spend some time waiting. Old Faithful erupts every 60 to 90 minutes. The exact timing depends on the previous eruption, so the park can predict only one eruption at a time.

Several other geysers are within walking distance, including the tiny Anemone erupting every 10 minutes or so. A few more clusters of geysers and hot springs are a short drive north along Grand Loop.

If your timing is right, don't miss the Grand Geyser, the tallest predictable geyser in the world, reaching as high as 60 metres and lasting up to 12 minutes. You might have to wait a few hours, though. The Grand Geyser has been erupting every seven or eight hours.

Hikes

The Divide hike is about 5.6 kilometres round trip and takes you to the Continental Divide, the line where water flows toward the Atlantic from one side and toward the Pacific from the other. There's no sign or any other marker at the top, so you'll have to use your imagination. The park rates the hike as moderately strenuous, given the climb of about 225 metres. Mystic Falls is more scenic. The start of the trail is close to the Biscuit Basin cluster of geysers, so you can get geysers and a hike both out of the way with one stop.

Give yourself at least two hours for the drive from the geysers to Mount Washburn. The trail to the top is well-maintained, but the hike isn't for those out of shape: You'll climb some 427 metres to an elevation of 3,122 metres. There are two ways up: The longer route, from Dunraven Pass, is about five kilometres each way, but it's less steep than the Chittenden Road option. Take the same route down; the parking lots for each trailhead are 10 kilometres apart.

In the distance, you can glimpse Yellowstone's version of Grand Canyon, a gorge formed by the Yellowstone River. There's a fire lookout tower with an observation deck at the top.

Grand Canyon

Yellowstone's Grand Canyon is worth its own visit. You have several long or short hikes to choose from, along either side of the canyon. If you're pressed for time, drive to the Upper and Lower Falls and view the rapids before a pair of drops into the canyon. For both falls, use paved overlooks or take short hikes for closer views. Visit the Upper Falls in the afternoon for a chance to see rainbows.

Wildlife and driving

Yellowstone is home to bison, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, wolves and grizzly bears. If you're looking to see a certain type of animal, ask at visitor centres where to go and the best time of day. Cars stopped or parked haphazardly along a road usually means there's something worth seeing. You can't miss the bison herds, but for other creatures, you may need binoculars.

Biking and Boating

You can bike along the Grand Loop on your own bike or by renting one near Old Faithful. There are boating and fishing opportunities as well; permits are required.

Getting there and lodging

The Grand Prismatic Spring in Yellowstone National Park.
JIM PEACO/YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (FLICKR: YELLOWSTONENPS)

The bulk of the park is in northwest Wyoming and has five entrances, with gateway towns offering food and lodging.

The drive from the entrances to the main loop is long, so plan your access point and lodging carefully. There are nine lodges inside the park; consider switching hotels each night to be closer to another part of the park the next morning.

The park has a dozen campgrounds. Seven are first come, first served. Reservations for the others and for the lodges fill up fast.

Nearest airports with car rentals are in Cody and Jackson, Wyoming; Bozeman, Billings and West Yellowstone, Montana; and Idaho Falls, Idaho. If you have time, it may be cheaper to fly to Denver and drive the 885 kilometres to the park via Cody. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's no place like home: Workers would rather telecommute than move

Staying on task while staying put. As more employees opt to work remotely, we consider how to do your best from your own nest

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Recognize what period of your day requires you to have no distractions, and take steps to secure some silence. ISTOCK

If you're a student, a recent grad, or an entrepreneurial startup type, chances are you're well-versed in working from home, at the library, and in various cafés around town.

In a new study conducted by Ipsos Reid on behalf of the Canadian Employee Relocation Council, researchers found that when it comes to the Canadian employment mobility landscape, more than half of those (55 per cent) who are currently employed would not relocate for a job under any circumstance.

Ask those who consider themselves under-employed and the percentage jumps to 6.5 out of 10. That still leaves a considerable percentage of workers who would greatly prefer to stay put, all things considered.

Remote (but tethered) workdays

Considering these figures, more employees and their companies may need to consider telecommuting options and using mobile technology and broadband connections to enable distributed (rather than co-located) teams.

Good news, then, that research shows part-time and flexible work-from-home strategies, if properly implemented, can have a positive impact for both businesses and staff.

With funding from the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sociologists at the University of Minnesota have published a study showing that increased flexibility at work results in wide-ranging benefits.

Those study participants who were allowed to modify when and where they worked experienced fewer family-work conflicts, achieved greater well-being due to a sense of schedule control, and developed a stronger more supportive relationship with their supervisors.

Set the scene for agile productivity

• When you're mobile and working out-of-home, an extra portable battery charger for tablets and phones is a lifesaver.

Before buying, read the fine print and user reviews to determine whether it will charge your gadget batteries once, twice, or 10 times.

• To work smarter on your smartphone, load it up with time-tracking, list-making, product-managing apps.

• If you're in charge of your own schedule, be sure to determine your optimal working hours, and set clear boundaries (including with family and friends) to protect your personal prime time.

• To manage distractions at home or out-and-about, the combination of a social site blocker and some noise-cancelling headphones will put and keep you in the zone.

• If you're lucky enough to have dedicated office space at home, protect your body from soreness, numbness or strain by doing a little research into economical and ergonomically correct office furnishings.

• For an added productivity boost, paint one wall green. "Seeing greens on surfaces has been linked to thinking creatively," advises design and environmental psychologist Sally Augustin.

• Not ready to paint your walls? Get an office plant instead, to add a touch of greenery to your space, and because research indicates that sharing your desk with foliage or flowers will make you feel happier, too.

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No time to make dinner tonight? Just grab tuna and go green

Tuna and Bean Spinach Salad. Fish gives you protein, the beans offer up a dose of fibre, and spinach is packed with nutrients

DINNER EXPRESS
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Sometimes the comfort of salad fits the bill for a quick dinner — especially when you can make it in about 10 minutes!

Looking for a new salad for the summer weekends or weeknight meals? This one has fresh lemon flavour and crunch from the spinach.

Pack the tuna mixture separately and then toss it when you need it if you are packing it for lunch or to take away to a friend's.

1. In a large bowl, stir together tuna, beans and red onion. Add lemon rind, juice, broth, oil and pepper; stir until well coated. Stir in spinach and toss until leaves are coated. Divide among 6 plates to serve.

FLASH FOOD

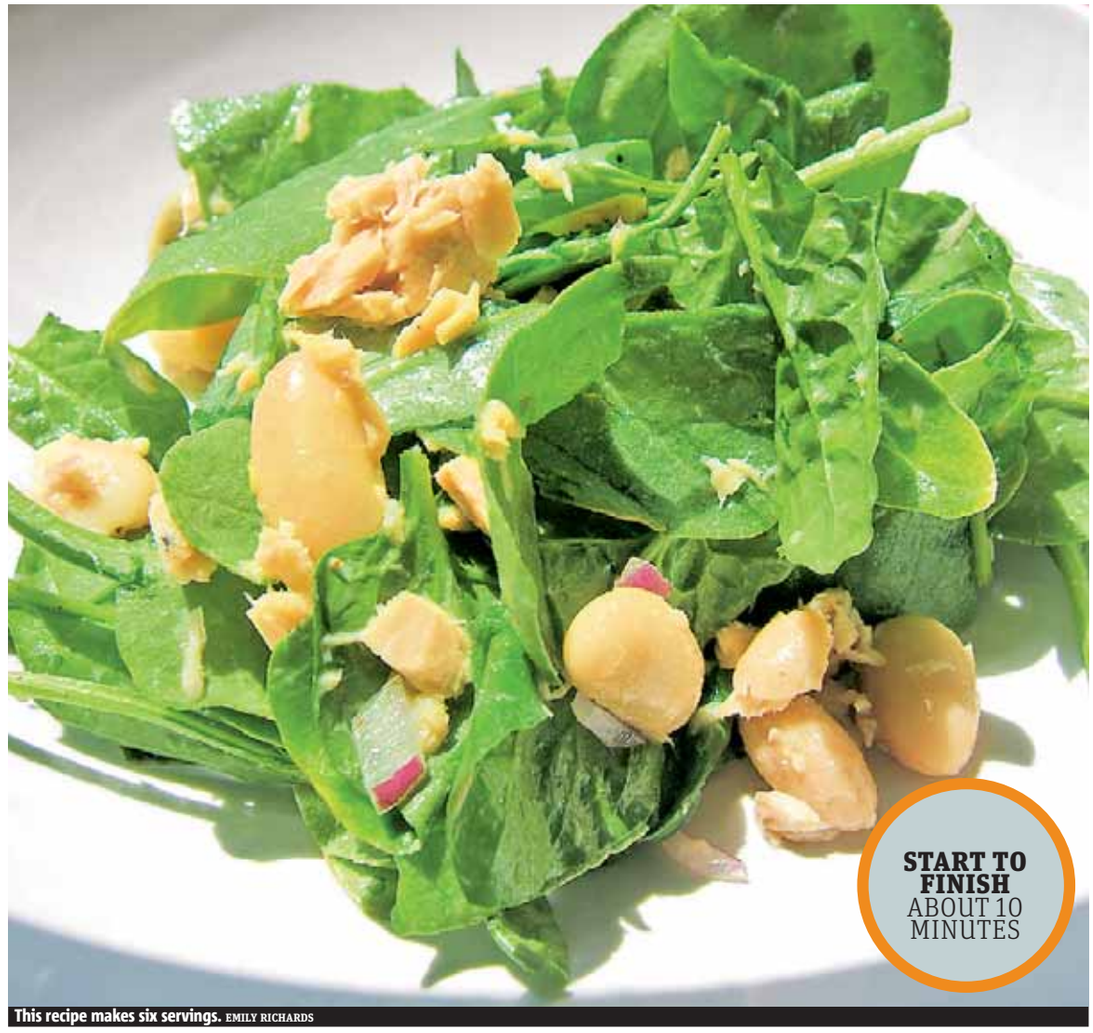
From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

Cooking tips

- This is a great combination for two people to prepare in the kitchen. Make work fun when you have company and speed up the process even more. Whether you are a couple or a family, preparing meals together is quality time during which you can share your day's events and wind down. As the saying goes, home is where the heart is, and luckily also where a kitchen awaits with the aromas and flavours of delicious food to be enjoyed with friends and family!

Ingredients

- 2 cans (6 oz/170 g) light tuna in water, drained
- 1 can (19 oz/540 ml) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) finely diced red onion
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 tsp (10 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 8 cups (2 l) lightly packed baby spinach leaves



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

This recipe serves four to six people. EMILY RICHARDS

Colour your soup bowl

This Ginger Chicken and Orzo Soup soup is a perfect start to springtime. Colourful and easy to enjoy to start a meal or on its own with a crisp salad and a whole grain bun.

1. Using chef's knife, cut chicken into bite size pieces and place in bowl. Add ginger, parsley, garlic and pepper and toss to coat well.

2. In soup pot or saucepan, heat oil over medium high heat and cook chicken mixture, stirring constantly for 5 minutes. Stir in red pepper to combine.

3. Add broth and bring to boil. Add orzo and asparagus. Simmer 8 minutes or until orzo is tender and chicken is no longer pink inside. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 1 lb (454 g) boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 box (900 ml) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) whole wheat or regular orzo pasta
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh asparagus

Rookie Yordano Ventura's ability to throw 100 m.p.h.-plus fastballs has earned him the nickname "Ace" in Kansas City. Scan the image below to vote on what you think is the best sports nickname.

MLB

Fielder undergoes neck surgery

Prince Fielder is recovering from neck surgery and not expected to play again this season for the Texas Rangers.

Fielder had a cervical fusion of the C5 and C6 disks in his neck Tuesday. The Rangers say the surgery performed in Dallas by specialist Dr. Drew Dossett went as expected.

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MLB

Royals get good news from young pitcher's MRI exam

Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura will miss his next start after an MRI exam taken Tuesday on his sore right elbow showed no ligament damage.

Ventura, whose 100 m.p.h. fastballs have made him a rising star, was removed from Monday night's loss to Houston with discomfort in his elbow.

He was diagnosed with a mild valgus extension overload, a condition in which the repetitive stress on the elbow can cause pain in the joint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura
JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

The Kings celebrate an empty-net goal scored by Tanner Pearson against the Blackhawks on Monday night in Los Angeles. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

Hawks look to halt Kings' coronation

NHL playoffs. Chicago will try to get back on winning track with backs against the wall

The special teams have been awful. The faceoff circle has been a huge problem. Patrick Kane, Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp have combined for one goal for the Chicago Blackhawks.

The defending Stanley Cup champions are in big trouble in the Western Conference final, down 3-1 to the rolling Los Angeles Kings.

But the Blackhawks are back at home for Game 5 on Wednesday night, and have dug out of similar trouble before.

"Just looking to win Game 5," coach Joel Quenneville said after the Blackhawks arrived back in Chicago on Tuesday afternoon. "That's it. Get the momentum back and go from there."

The previous time this series was in Chicago, the Kings seized the momentum with a five-goal third period in a 6-2 victory in Game 2.

It carried right over to a pair of impressive victories in Los Angeles that moved the Kings to the brink of their second Stanley Cup final in three seasons.

Los Angeles has shredded Chicago's penalty-kill unit for five goals in its past 10 chances, while holding the Blackhawks to one power-play goal in their past 11 opportunities. Anze Kopitar and the Kings have won 58 per cent (106 of 184) of the faceoffs during the win streak, taking the puck-possession Blackhawks out of their game.

"We have veteran centremen," coach Darryl Sutter said after Los Angeles' 5-2 victory Monday night. "All four of them have obviously been here for a while. You know, they take care of both ends of the ice. They pretty much run the game for us as centremen."

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Do or die

The Montreal Canadiens entered Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final on Tuesday trailing the New York Rangers 3-1. Go to metronews.ca to see if the Habs' title hopes are still alive.

Raptors doing homework on hometown boy

Toronto native Tyler Ennis is projected to be a lottery pick in the upcoming NBA draft. GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Raptors are going to take a closer look at one of Canada's top NBA prospects.

Toronto native and Syracuse point guard Tyler Ennis is scheduled to work out for the Raptors at the Air Canada Centre on Thursday, as the process of winnowing down a list of options with the 20th choice in the June 26 draft gets serious.

It's a long shot that the six-foot-two Ennis will be available when the Raptors make their pick — he's seen as a virtual lock to go in the lottery portion of the draft — but it never hurts to meet with one of the top local prospects.

Ennis, leaving Syracuse after just one season, met with Toronto officials at the league's draft combine this month and Thursday's individual workout will be another chance to get an up-close look at him.

Toronto also has workouts scheduled for three days next week, with unspecified players who are more likely to be available with the 20th and 37th picks. The Raptors also have the 59th selection, second to last.

With a variety of needs — front-court size and wing depth the most glaring — next week's workouts are seen as far more crucial for the Raptors than an audition for Ennis, who will work out on his own. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dimes and daggers

Tyler Ennis averaged 12.9 points and 5.5 assists per game in his only season at Syracuse.

4 SPORTS

DRIVE 5

2014 Kia Rondo

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive compact 5 or 7-passenger wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder with direct gasoline engine (164)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $23,460

Market position

Despite the popularity of larger crossover vehicles, these tall hatchbacks offer an excellent alternative for those who prefer a compact vehicle. The Rondo's features and quiet ride make it a standout in the category.

Points

- 5-year/100,000 km warranty covers almost everything on the Rondo, while wear items such as wiper blades and brake pads have 1-year/20,000 km coverage.
- Completely redesigned for 2013, the Rondo is currently offered in Canada, but no longer in the United States.
- Fuel consumption of 9.2 L/100 km city and 6.3 highway (with automatic transmission) is best among its direct competitors.

As a hatchback, the Rondo comes with a spacious back end.

Safety

Front, side, and curtain airbags; brake assist and distribution; hill assist control; vehicle stability control; rear view camera and parking sensors on EX trims.

Rondo is a great family choice

PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH

Review. The Kia Rondo is a smooth-riding option to accommodate the whole clan

JIL MCINTOSH
wheelbasemedia.com

I've always been fond of the so-called "tall wagon," a hatchback that combines the upright seating and practicality of a minivan or SUV, but with the compact footprint of a small car. The Kia Rondo fits the bill, in five-passenger seating, or with an optional third row for seven people.

There are three trim levels, and all use a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder engine that makes 164 horsepower, and 156 lb.-ft. of torque. The base LX trim starts at $21,795 and comes with a six-speed manual transmission, but it's there for price, not sportiness. Most buyers will opt for the smooth-shifting six-speed automatic, optional on the LX, and the only choice on the EX and EX Luxury trims.

The Rondo is spacious and comfortable, while the top-of-the-line seven-seat trim level includes such features as parking sensors, panoramic sunroof, and heated and cooled leather seats for $30,795, with navigation further available as an option.

It isn't the most fun-to-drive car on the market, but the ride is smooth, and it handles corners without feeling tippy despite its height. It's also confident and well-planted on the highway, and you can switch the electric power steering to feel lighter or more weighted, depending on your preference. It's also very quiet, thanks to a considerable amount of sound-deadening material, and visibility is excellent all the way around.

The 2014 Kia Rondo offers an intelligent alternative to an SUV for families.

Kia put a lot of thought into the interior, with numerous little items to make life easier for families. The EX models have integrated rear-window sunshades, eliminating the need to use suction-cup versions to protect children from the sun, and there's a rechargeable flashlight in the cargo area. If you get the five-seat model, there's a large, covered storage bin under the cargo floor.

As with most tall wagons, it's easy to get in and out, especially for children or elderly passengers. The third-row's seats are nicely cushioned, but there's really only enough space for children.

Good-looking and thoughtfully engineered, the Rondo could well be a practical alternative to an SUV for many families.

Compare

1 Mazda5
Base price: $21,995
Rondo's closest competitor offers sportier handling, and seating for six.

2 Chevrolet Orlando
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3 Dodge Journey
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Taxes payable on full amount of purchase price after total manufacturer rebate has been deducted. Offers include freight and air tax but exclude administration and registration fees of up to $799, fuel fill charge of up to $120 and all applicable taxes. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. ** Until June 30, 2014, receive 0.99%, /0.99%/1.99%, APR purchase financing on new 2014 [Fiesta S Hatch/ Focus S/ Escape S] models for up to 84 months to qualified retail customers, on approved credit (DAO) from Ford Credit. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest interest rate. Example: 2014 Ford [Fiesta S Hatch/Focus S/ Escape S] for $13,198/ $14,948/$25,178 [after $0,$750,$1,500/$0,$750,$1,500/$0,$750,$1,500] down payment or equivalent trade-in, and $2,500/$2,500/$750 Manufacturer Rebate deducted) purchase financed at 0.99%/0.99%/1.99% APR for 84 months, monthly payment is $163,$154,$145/$181, $176/$169/$322,$312,$303 (the sum of twelve (12) monthly payments divided by 26 periods gives payee a bi-weekly payment of $75,$71, $67/$85,$81,$77/$149,$144,$140), interest cost of borrowing is $470,$443,$416/$532,$505,$479/$1,819,$1,765,$1,711 or APR of 0.99%/0.99%/1.99% and total to be repaid is $13,650,$13,672,$13,694/$15,470,$15,492,$15,514/$27,118,$26,958,$26,980. Down payment may be required based on approved credit from Ford Credit. All purchase finance offers include freight and air tax and PPSA but exclude administration and registration fees of up to $799, fuel fill charge of up to $120 and all applicable taxes. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. *** Until June 30, 2014 lease a new 2014 Ford [F-150 XLT Supercrew 4x4] for up to 24 months and get 1.49% APR on approved credit (DAO) from Ford Credit. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest APR payment. Lease [F-150 XLT Supercrew 4x4] with a value of $29,858 after [$1,950/$3,450/$4,350] down payment or equivalent Trade In [$8,500] manufacturer rebates, and $[1,200] Ford Credit Cash deducted and including freight and air tax of $[1,360]) at 1.49% APR for up to 24 months with an optional buyout of $22,383, monthly payment is $[299/$236/$198], total lease obligation is $[$31,726/$31,114/$31,102]. Offers include freight, air tax, and PPSA but exclude administration and registration fees of up to $799, fuel fill charge of up to $120 and all applicable taxes. Additional payments required for optional features, license, and insurance. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. Some conditions and mileage restriction of 40,000km for 24 months applies. Excess kilometrage charges are 16¢per km for F-Series, plus applicable taxes. Excess kilometrage charges subject to change, see your local dealer for details. ◊ Offer only valid from May 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 (the "Offer Period") to resident Canadians with an eligible Costco membership on or before April 30, 2014. Receive $500 towards the purchase or lease of a new 2014/2015 Ford Fiesta (excluding S), Focus (excluding S and BEV), C-MAX, and $1,000 towards all other Ford models (excluding Raptor, GT500, Mustang Boss 302, and Medium Truck) (each an "Eligible Vehicle"). Limit one (1) offer per each Eligible Vehicle purchase or lease, up to a maximum of two (2) separate Eligible Vehicle sales per Costco Membership Number. Offer is transferable to persons domiciled with an eligible Costco member. Applicable taxes calculated before offer is deducted. Dealer may sell or lease for less. Limited time offer. 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Actual fuel consumption will vary based on road conditions, vehicle loading and driving habits. ◊ Claim based on analysis by Ford of Polk global new registration for CY2012 for a single nameplate which includes nameplate vehicles, platform derivatives or other vehicle nameplate variations. [2] F-Series is the best-selling pickup truck in Canada for 48 years in a row based on Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association statistical sales reports, up to December 2013. [3] 2014 Sirius Canada Inc. "SiriusXM", the SiriusXM logo, channel names and logos are trademarks of SiriusXM Radio Inc. and are used under licence. ©2014 Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited. All rights reserved.

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2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland shown: $57,590.§

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2014 Jeep Patriot Limited shown: $24,240.§

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Wise customers read the fine print: ≤, †, Ω, ♦, *, ‡, ♦♦, § The Jeep For Everyone Sales Event offers are limited time offers which apply to retail deliveries of selected new and unused models purchased from participating retailers on or after May 1, 2014. Offers subject to change and may be extended without notice. All pricing includes freight ($1,695), air tax (if applicable), tire levy and OMVIC fee. Pricing excludes licence, insurance, registration, any retailer administration fees, other retailer charges and other applicable fees and taxes. Financing and lease offers available to qualified customers on approved credit. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Retailer may sell for less. †0% purchase financing for up to 36 months available on new 2014 Jeep Cherokee models to qualified customers on approved credit through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Example: 2014 Jeep Cherokee Sport 4x2 (24A) with a Purchase Price of $24,495 with a $0 down payment, financed at 0% for 36 months equals 78 bi-weekly payments of $314 with a cost of borrowing of $0 and a total obligation of $24,495. ≤Total Discounts of $3,500 consist of $2,500 Consumer Cash and $1,000 Bonus Cash on the 2014 Jeep Wrangler 2-Door 4x4 (23B). Total Discounts of $2,500 consist of $2,500 Lease Cash on the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo (23E). Consumer Cash/Lease Cash discounts are deducted from the negotiated lease price before taxes. Bonus Cash discounts are deducted from the negotiated lease price after taxes. ΩFinance Pull-Ahead Bonus Cash and 1% Rate Reduction are available to eligible customers on the retail purchase/lease of select 2014 Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram or Fiat models at participating retailers from May 1 to June 2, 2014 inclusive. 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Example: 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo (23E) with a Purchase Price of $37,195 leased at 4.99% over 60 months with $4,998 down payment, equals 240 weekly payments of $99 with a cost of borrowing of $6,219.50 and a total obligation of $29,424.20. 22,000 kilometre/year allowance. Charge of $0.18 per excess kilometre. Some conditions apply. *Jeep Cash/Consumer Cash Discounts are deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. ‡4.29% purchase financing for up to 96 months available on new select models through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Example: 2014 Jeep Wrangler 2-door 4x4 (23B) with a Purchase Price of $20,495, with a $0 down payment, financed at 4.29% for 96 months equals 208 bi-weekly payments of $117 with a cost of borrowing of $3,754 and a total obligation of $24,248.97. ♦♦$1,000 Bonus Cash is available on all new 2014 Jeep Wrangler models and is deducted from the negotiated purchase price after taxes. §Starting From Prices for vehicles shown include Consumer Cash Discounts and do not include upgrades (e.g., paint). Upgrades available for additional cost. ΦJeep Grand Cherokee has received more awards over its lifetime than any other SUV. √Based on 2014 *Ward's* Small Sport Utility segmentation. [1]Based on 2014 *Ward's* Sport and Cross Utility segmentations. [2]Based on 2014 *Ward's* Small Cross/Utility segmentation, approach angle, departure angle, breakover angle, and water fording depth. 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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Be as carefree as you please over the next 24 hours. No one will mind in the least. Not that you care what others think but it's nice to have fun without being called irresponsible.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You must hold out for what it is you know you deserve. The planets indicate it will be your rivals who blink first, so look and act tough and be tough in your approach to negotiations.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
A new moon in your sign suggests whatever you start over the next 24 hours will work out well. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It's your time to shine.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Because today's new moon falls in the most sensitive area of your chart, your best course of action over the next 48 hours is to withdraw from the world for. Start planning for the coming 12 months. They'll be special.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you need advice of any sort today, don't be afraid to ask your friends. The current new moon means they will help in any way they can, but you need to ask them first. They won't just offer their opinions.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A new moon in the career area of your chart will give you the courage to make necessary changes on the work front. It's your life, it's your career and it's your choice as to what you do with them both.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have a lot to say for yourself and most of it is worth listening to, but be careful you don't say anything that might upset people whose support you are going to need.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you have been thinking of ways to make money, now is the time to come to a decision about your strategy. What you start over the next few days will reap rich rewards during the second half of the year.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It may be that your rivals have the advantage but what happens today and tomorrow will give you the courage, as well as the opportunity, to turn the tables on them.

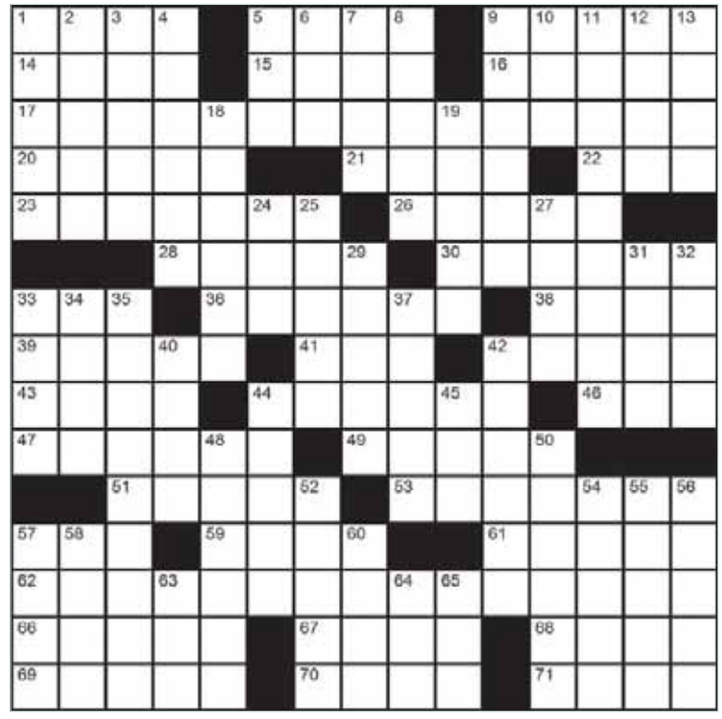
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Keep doing what you are doing and don't listen to those who say you should be doing something else. The more they try to pick holes in your plans, the more certain you can be that you're on the right track.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today's new moon in your fellow Air sign of Gemini will inspire you to put your talents to good use. Relationships will go well too, so be assertive and dynamic and make sure others know what it is you desire.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Be more open about your feelings, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who tends to keep your emotions bottled up inside. It is good to release the pressure. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

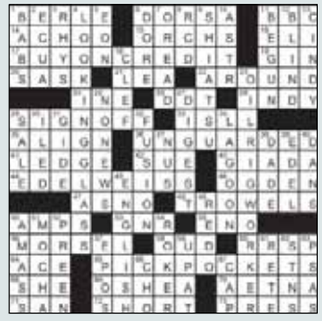
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. School subj.
5. Ancient Scot
9. Rocker David
14. Lebanon's locale
15. Chess piece
16. "Being __" (Canadian series, 2009 to 2011)
17. NBL Canada team: 2 wds.
20. Dude
21. Hockey's Mr. Lindros
22. Music tycoon, Dr. __
23. Shoppers Drug Mart: __ Card
26. Book publisher, __ Canada
28. Carpet: French
30. Metamorphic rock type
33. Dwindle
36. Country singer Mel
38. Lake for the Ontario municipality at #18-Down
39. Medicine Hat born actor Mr. Gerussi
41. 'Peace' suffix (Pacifist)
42. Rocker Mr. Reznor
43. Value
44. "And Muzak filled the air / From __ to Cuyahoga Falls." - The Pretenders, "My City Was Gone"
46. "__ of Love" (1989)
47. Singing span
49. Alberta: __ Oil Sands Project
51. Australia's gem-stones
53. Cutely-named flower
57. Canadian author/broadcaster, __-Marie MacDonald
59. Badminton dividers
61. Separately
62. The Band song that starts "You can walk on the water...": 4 wds.
66. Shoelace tip
67. Carry along
68. __-__-for-now!
69. Demurely
70. Nylons nick
71. Brewery beverages

Down
1. Perry Como's "Papa Loves __"
2. "I'll have _ __." (Lunchtime order)
3. Touch of colour
4. Be a survivor: 2 wds.
5. For
6. "Am ___?" (Query from backstage)
7. __ about (Occur)
8. Capt. James _. __
9. Passing ship's guide
10. Grampus
11. Nature's infernos
12. Champagne cooling container
13. Slacken
18. Leamington, the '__ Capital of Canada'
19. Tree growth indicators
24. News agcy.
25. English author A.A.
27. Nobleman
29. Embark embarrassedly
31. Trigonometry ratio
32. Bristle
33. Spain: Zaragoza's river
34. Bric-a-__
35. __-__ jeans
37. Michael McDonald's "_ __ Forgettin' (Every Time You're Near)"
40. Tide type
42. Clan's cloth
44. Tennis great Monica
45. Flight simulators co. headquartered in Saint-Laurent, QC
48. "Nasty Girl" by __ 6 (Trivia! The lead singer of this '80s trio is Canadian)
50. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Nyong'o
52. RBIs, e.g.
54. Warship-related
55. Furious
56. __ Shrugged (Ayn Rand novel)
57. Sorrowful sigh
58. Virtually, in verse
60. Hospital readout
63. Sushi bar's 'Unagi'
64. Jennifer Lopez _ _ J.Lo
65. Mr. Philbin, to pals

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	9	4					7	
6	3		1	7				
					2	6		1
						4	8	6
	5						3	
9	2	6						
7		9	5					
				4	1		2	7
	8					5	4	

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	7	5	1	4	6	2	9
1	9	5	3	2	6	8	4	7
4	2	6	7	8	9	1	5	3
5	6	8	1	9	2	3	7	4
7	4	9	8	6	3	5	1	2
2	1	3	4	7	5	9	6	8
6	3	4	2	5	8	7	9	1
9	7	2	6	3	1	4	8	5
8	5	1	9	4	7	2	3	6

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